

be taken, in the same manner as depositions taken under the existing laws.

WM. HOPKINS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EB. KINGSBURY, Jr.

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of May, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 216.]

AN ACT

To incorporate the Middlefield Coal Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That George W. Riter, Thomas Weaver, Thomas W. Francis, Frederick Augustus Raybold, William Shippen, William W. Haly, and their associates, successors, and assigns, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the Middlefield coal company, with a capital of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into five thousand shares, of fifty dollars each, and the said company may hold not exceeding two thousand acres of land, consisting of more than two distinct bodies within the counties of Northampton and Luzerne, and shall have power to locate and construct a rail road from any point or points on their lands to any convenient point of intersection with the Beaver Meadow and Hazelton rail roads, and any other rail roads in the valleys of Hazle, Beaver, Quakake, and other neighboring creeks, and the Lehigh canal or any of them and the company hereby incorporated shall possess and enjoy all the powers, privileges, and immunities, and be subject to the restrictions, terms and conditions (except so far as is herein otherwise provided) provided in an act to incorporate the Hazelton coal company, passed the eighteenth of March, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; *Provided,* That whenever the

Corporators,
Name and
style.
Capital \$250,
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Company to
hold 2000
acres of lands.
May intersect
Beaver Mead-
and Haz-
elton rail road
Privileges,
&c.
Proviso.

Dividends.
Tax.

2d Proviso.

Duration of
charter.
Right to re-
peal &c.

dividends shall exceed six per cent. per annum, the said company shall pay a tax of eight per cent. on all such excess into the treasury of the state for the purposes of education; *And provided further*, That the said company shall not appropriate to their use for rail road purposes any lands without first paying the owner for the same.

SECTION 2. This act shall continue to be in force until the first day of May, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, but it shall be lawful for the legislature at any time to repeal any of the foregoing provisions, and to rescind the powers hereby granted.

WM. HOPKINS,

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APPROVED—The twenty-ninth day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

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[No. 217.]

A N A C T

Relating to the evidence of the publication of Ordinances of the borough of Carlisle and Meadville, and for other purposes.

Evidence of
publication of
Ordinances.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same:* That an affidavit made by the town clerk of the boroughs of Carlisle and Meadville, and entered upon the minutes of the town council of the said borough, setting forth that an ordinance of such borough had been duly published according to law, shall be evidence of such publication.

Susannah
Cocklin legiti-
mated.

SECTION 2. That Susannah Cocklin, wife of John W. Cocklin, of Cumberland county, and natural daughter of John W. Snyder, late of Cumberland county, deceased, and Elizabeth Weaver, shall have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock, and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, and shall inherit the estate of her late father, deceased,